

education for these people to learn the language?

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: If someone would like to address that issue, I'd certainly be appreciative of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports LB 119 to General File with amendments attached, signed by Senator Landis. Retirement Systems Committee reports LB 501 and LB 502 to General File, those signed by Senator Wickersham. Hearing notice from the Banking Committee. Senator Warner would like to print amendments to LB 167. (See pages 526-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Bromm would move to amend LB 20 by striking Section 2.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hall. What I have proposed here, as the Clerk has said, would be to strike Section 2. Section 2 requires that the employer provide an interpreter for each shift which non-English speaking employees are employed and a person by the employer whose primary responsibility includes serving as a referral agent to community services for non-English speaking employees. This would leave in place the requirement that anyone who actively recruits more than 500 miles away non-English speaking people file with the commissioner a written statement setting out the things that Senator Chambers has in LB 20, including the transportation and housing, and health risks, and hourly wage and things like that. And it also leaves in place, of course, the section about providing transportation back to the place from whence the employee was recruited. This bill, this section of this bill is the section that bothers me the most. This places a mandate on all employers who fall under this category, whether or not they happen to be one who is abusing it or not. And I can't really imagine an employer who wants to have an effective operation having people work for them who can't comprehend those things necessary to carry out the job. I just don't think that they're going to do that. I think they're going to figure out a way to